Council of Medical Research and other Health Institutions, no state in the country is free from the problem of Iodine Deficiency Disorders. It is estimated that about 71 people are suffering from Iodine Deficiency Disorders.

There is no specific proposal to popularize double fortified salt containing both iron and iodine, before the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Drug watchdog

677. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drug watchdog for monitoring quality and standards of drugs is in place;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules made thereunder, the State Government through their respective Drugs Control Organizations are required to keep a regular watch on the quality and standards of drugs and monitor the same through the licensing of manufacturing and sales establishments and regular testing of Drugs samples.

Ayurvedic CGHS dispensaries

678. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ayurvedic hospitals and dispensaries at present functioning in Delhi under CGHS;

(b) the number of posts of medical officers of various grades and other staff sanctioned for these units as on 1st January, 2006 and that actually working there, category-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that in dispensaries where there are four posts of doctors sanctioned, hardly two are available; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the shortage of doctors and staff in ayurvedic dispensaries and the steps taken/proposed to fill the vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Number of Ayurvedic dispensaries/units functioning in CGHS Delhi are as under:—

Ayurvedic Hospital	1
Ayurvedic Dispensaries	5
Ayurvedic Units	8

(b) The number of sanctioned posts of Ayurvedic Medical Officers and other Para Medical staff in Ayurvedic dispensaries/units under CGHS Delhi and actually in position as on 1st January, 2006 are given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below).

(c) Doctors and staff are posted in the Ayurvedic Dispensary/unit as per the overall available strength under CGHS Delhi.

(d) SIU (Staff Inspection Unit) has conducted a study on Ayush Dispensaries/Units which is being examined by CGHS Directorate in consultation with the Department of Aurvedic, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathic. Till a decision is taken by the Government on the modalities of implementation of the recommendations contained in this SIU Report the posts of Doctors and Para Medical Staff cannot be filled/created.

Statement

The Number oi sanctioned posts of Ayurvedic Medical Officers and other Para Medicaistiff in Ayurvedic dispensaries/units CGHS Delhi and actually in position as on 1st January, 2006

SI. No.	Narfte of posts	Sanctioned post	In Position	Vacant
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Medical Officer, Senior Medical Officers, Chief Medical Officers (including that of Ayurvedic Hospital)	42	30	12

1	2	3	4	5
2.	Pharmacist Ayurvedic (including that of Ayurvedic Hospital	34	30	4
	Sister Incharge (Ayurvedic)	2	2	Nil
	Staff Nurse (Ayurvedic)	5	4	1
	Panchkarma	6	6	Nil
	Assistant (Male)	3	3	Nil
	Assistant (Female)	3	2	1

AIDS awareness in Andhra Pradesh

679. SHRIC. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HELATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched an AIDS awareness programme in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the programme launched;

(c) the details of the funds allocated released and spent for the purpose,

(d) the results achieved, so far;

(e) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has misused the financial assistance provided by the Union Government for the AIDS Control Programme in the State during the last two years;

(f) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of the AIDS awareness programs launched in Andhra Pradesh are enclosed as Statement *(See* below)

(c) Out of P>s. 30 crores allocated for HIV/AIDs awareness activites, an amount of Rs. 27 crores has so far been spent.